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1. UPI SUMMARY: KISSINGER LEFT TANZANIA FOR LUSAKA SAYING HE WOULD MAKE A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT THERE. THE SECRETARY SAID HIS TALKS WITH NYERERE WERE "AMONG THE MOST INSTRUCTIVE I HAVE HAD WITH ANY LEADER." NYERERE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE: "WE DON'T MIND IF THEY (AMERICANS) DON'T SUPPORT US...BUT IF THEY OPPOSE THE WAR (AGAINST RHODESIA) WE WILL HAVE A QUARREL."

SEPARATE UPI ITEM, ANDERSON BYLINE: KISSINGER LEFT THE IMPRESSION IN TANZANIA THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT TRY TO STOP ARMED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA. PRES. KAUNDA PREDICTED A "BLOODBATH" IN THE WAR AGAINST RHODESIA SUNDAY. KISSINGER WILL MEET KAUNDA

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TUESDAY AND AFTERWARDS WILL DELIVER A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT ON AFRICA.

2. AP SUMMARY, SCHWEID BYLINE: KISSINGER AND NYERERE

PRESS STATEMENTS COVERED. . . KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD ELABORATE TUESDAY AT A LUNCHEON IN ZAMBIA "OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO PURSUE AN ACTIVE POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING MAJORITY RULE." SCHWEID THEN DISCUSSED SITUATION IN RHODESIA WHERE TWO MORE AFRICAN GUERRILLAS HAD BEEN KILLED, CURFEWS ESTABLISHED AND SECURITY COMMITTEE FORMED TO CENSOR THE LOCAL MEDIA. SCHWEID CONCLUDED WITH REPORT THAT POLICE MINISTER KRUGER IN SOUTH AFRICA ARRESTED 50 PEOPLE RUNNING AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK.

3. REUTER SUMMARY: KISSINGER SAID UPON ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE WORLD TO FACE SQUARELY THE ISSUES OF INDEPENDENCE, MAJORITY RULE AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

SECOND REUTER ITEM, NELSON BYLINE: KISSINGER AND NYERERE AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON RHODESIA. NYERERE SAID "BUT I DID NOT GET THE IMPRESSION EITHER THAT HE (KISSINGER) WILL USE AMERICAN MIGHT TO OPPOSE US IN THAT WAR." NYERERE CALLED ON U.S. TO PRESS FOR UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND TO STOP CHROME IMPORTS. . . KISSINGER DESCRIBED PRESIDENT KAUNDA AS ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST RESPECTED AND DEDICATED LEADERS. WHILE IN ZAMBIA, KISSINGER IS TO GIVE A MAJOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AND MEET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO.

FINAL REUTER, NELSON BYLINE: SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID THAT KISSINGER WOULD CONSULT PRES. FORD ON CONGRESSIONAL REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT; THAT KISSINGER HAD PROMISED NYERERE THAT U.S. WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO STAY OUT OF RHODESIA; AND THAT NYERERE WAS OPPOSED TO GREAT POWER INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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4. LA TIMES, MONDAY APRIL 26, JOHNSTON SUMMARY: THE KISSINGER-NYERERE MEETING WAS THE FIRST EXPOSURE TO A BLACK AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADER AT A TIME WHEN MAJOR CONFLICT IS THREATENING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. . . KISSINGER HOPES TO HEAR FROM NYERERE HOW MUCH THE U.S. NEED COMMIT ITSELF TO THE NATIONALIST CAUSE TO AVOID LOSING ALL INFLUENCE IN BLACK AFRICA . . . KISSINGER DISAVOWED U.S. MILITARY AID TO BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS. THE PUBLIC DISAVOWAL CAME IN FACE OF WIDESPREAD

PUBLIC DEMANDS HERE AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES HOSTILE TO

SMITH REGIME THAT U.S. PROVE ITSELF TO BLACK AFRICA BY
ARMING ITS NATIONALISTS.

FROM SUNDAY, APRIL 25 EDITION, FOLLOWING SUMMARY:
KISSINGER LAUNCHES AN 11TH HOUR ATTEMPT IN KENYA TODAY
TO REVIVE AN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD BLACK AFRICA AND
CONVINCE AFRICAN LEADERS IT IS NOT YET TOO LATE TO
AVERT A RACE WAR AGAINST RHODESIA. . . SIGNS WERE CLEAR
THAT IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE. WHAT THE U.S. HAS TO
OFFER IS PRIMARILY ECONOMIC HELP, CAPITOL
INVESTMENT AND SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGY TO A GROUP OF NATIONS
DESPERATELY SHORT OF ALL THREE . . . IN MAJOR POLICY
SPEECH IN LUSAKA ON TUESDAY THERE ARE INDICATIONS FROM
THE KISSINGER PARTY THAT THE STATEMENT WILL BE MORE
TENTATIVE THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED, THAT IT WILL OFFER
LESS AND ASK MORE. . . KISSINGER APPEARS TO HAVE
RESIGNED HIMSELF TO ENCOUNTERING SKEPTICISM AND
SUSPICION AT EVERY STEP ON HIS JOURNEY AND POSSIBLY
HOSTILITY IN SOME OF THEM.

RADIO/TV

5. ABC, REASONER: SEC. OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN ZAMBIA
TONIGHT, THE THIRD COUNTRY OF SEVEN HE'LL VISIT IN
AFRICA. SO FAR HIS MESSAGE TO BLACK LEADERS HAS BEEN
THAT THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA BUT WON'T GIVE MILITARY AID. BEFORE KISSINGER
LANDED IN ZAMBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA PREDICTED A BLOOD-
BATH TO OVERTHROW THE WHITE REGIME IN RHODESIA.
KISSINGER MEETS KAUNDA TOMORROW. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM
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TED KOPPEL.

KOPPEL: IN SWAHILI THE WORD "HARAMBEE" TRANSLATES
ROUGHLY TO MEAN "LET'S PULL TOGETHER." IT IS A NATIONAL
SLOGAN IN KENYA AND THAT COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT JOMO KENYATTA,
WHO HAS NEVER BEEN KNOWN FOR HIS BASHFULNESS, EMPLOYS
THE SLOGAN WHEREVER AND WHENEVER THE SPIRIT MOVES HIM.

(SOUNDS OF CHANTING)

IF ANYONE IN THE AMERICAN PARTY CONSIDERED IT AN
IRREGULAR WAY TO START A MEETING, THEY WEREN'T ABOUT
TO MAKE A POINT OF IT HERE.

KENYATTA, WHO IS WELL INTO HIS 80'S, VISIBLY RELISHES
HIS IMAGE AS AN EXCENTRIC ELDER STATESMAN. THESE DAYS
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BIOGRAPHY DESCRIBES HIM DILIGENTLY
AS ONE-TIME LEADER OF THE MAUMAU NATIONALIST
MOVEMENT. BACK IN THE EARLY 50'S THE MAUMAU WAS REGARDED

IN THE WEST AS THE MOST BLOOD-THIRSTY OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND KENYATTA, HIMSELF, WAS JAILED BY THE BRITISH AND KEPT IN CHAINS FOR SEVEN YEARS. IN THAT SENSE ALONE JOMO KENYATTA PERSONIFIES THE CHANGING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE WESTERN WORLD. TODAY, HE AND KENYA ARE AMONG AMERICA'S STAUNCHEST FRIENDS ON THIS CONTINENT.

TODAY KISSINGER WAS IN TANZANIA AND HE WAS GUEST OF HONOR DURING CELEBRATIONS MARKING UNION DAY, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE DAY ON WHICH TANGANYIKA AND ZANZIBAR BECAME ONE. SINCE TANZANIA IS A SOCIALIST STATE WHICH OWES FAR MORE TO THE PRC THAN IT DOES TO THE U.S., THE "BAR" BECAME ONE.

TOMORROW IN ZAMBIA SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL MAKE A MUCH HERALDED SPEECH OUTLINING AMERICA'S NEW POLICY TOWARD THIS CONTINENT AS A WHOLE. AFRICAN LEADERS ARE SOMEWHAT CYNICAL ABOUT AMERICAN RHETORIC THESE DAYS, BUT THEY WILL ALL BE WATCHING AND LISTENING.

6. NBC, NEWMAN: SEC. OF STATE KISSINGER WAS TOLD
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TODAY BY PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA THAT WAR TO THROW OUT THE WHITE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA HAS BEGUN.

THEN KISSINGER WENT ON TO SEE PRES. KAUNDO OF ZAMBIA WHO HAS PREDICTED A BLOOD-BATH IN RHODESIA.

KISSINGER BEGAN THE DAY ON A SOMEWHAT LIGHTER NOTE IN KENYA. RICHARD VALERIANI REPORTS:

VALERIANI: (TO SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF HARAMBEE CHANTING WITH A FLICK OF HIS WRIST, AN EVER PRESENT FLY WISK MADE OF GIRAFFE HAIR, 85 YEAR OLD JOMO KENYATTA SHOWED KISSINGER HOW A MEETING IS STARTED KENYAN STYLE. "HARAMBEE" MEANS WORKING TOGETHER. IT'S THE NATIONAL SLOGAN OF KENYA.

AFTER TALKS UNDERLINING KENYA'S CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWING RUSSIAN INVOLVEMENT IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, KENYATTA LAID ON SOME TRIBAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR KISSINGER.

KISSINGER LOOKING SOMEWHAT OUT OF PLACE WAS ASKED WHY HE DIDN'T JOIN IN THE DANCING. "THAT'S NOT MY SPECIALTY," HE SAID.

BEFORE LEAVING NAIROBI, KISSINGER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE U.S. WOULD NOT GIVE MILITARY AID TO BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

KISSINGER: WE HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS THIS MORNING AND AT LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT WERE CONDUCTED IN A MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. WE DEALT WITH THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND THE U.S. -- WHICH WE CONSIDER GOOD AND DISCUSSED MEANS BY WHICH THE U.S. COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS OF KENYA AND TO PEACE IN THE AREA.

VALERIANI: KISSINGER GOT WHAT HE WANTED BY STARTING OUT IN KENYA: A CORDIAL WELCOME TO AFRICA FROM THE GRAND OLD DON OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT ON HIS ITENERARY WAS JULIUS NYERERE OF
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TANZANIA, ONE OF THE CURRENT CROP OF AFRICAN REVOLUTIONAR-
IES. SOME OF THE REBELS FIGHTING IN RHODESIA GOT THEIR
EARLY TRAINING IN THIS COUNTRY, WHICH IS A MILITANT,
LEFT-WING LEADER OF AFRICA'S THIRD-WORLD BLOC. TANZANIA
FREQUENTLY OPPOSES THE U.S. ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND
IS HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS ABOUT STATED AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO

WHITE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

SO FAR DURING THIS TRIP KISSINGER HAS MUTED HIS PUBLIC

WARNINGS ABOUT FURTHER RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN
AFRICA, BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT'S ONE OF THE PRINCIPLE
REASONS HE'S HERE.

7. CBS RADIO, "THE WORLD TONIGHT", DOUGLAS EDWARDS:
THERE SEEMS TO BE ONE DOMINANT THEME IN SECRETARY OF
STATE KISSINGER'S JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICA; THE U.S. IS
FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE, BUT NOT AT THE PRICE OF WAR,
CERTAINLY NOT AT THE PRICE OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT.
BERNARD KALB IS WITH THE SECRETARY. HERE IS HIS REPORT.
(FROM LUSAKA)

KALB: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN SHUTTling ACROSS
BLACK AFRICA. HE BEGAN IN KENYA, THEN TANZANIA. TONIGHT
HE'S IN ZAMBIA, KISSINGER HIMSELF SYMBOLIZING A KIND OF
AMERICA-COME-LATELY TO THE URGENT POLITICAL AND RACIAL
ISSUES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BUT HE IS ENERGETICALLY
TRYING TO SHAKE OFF THE IMAGE OF AN AMERICA ON THE
DEFENSE VIS-A-VIS BLACK AFRICA. HE APPEARS TO HAVE
RESHAPED HIS AFRICAN VOCABULARY SO THAT IT NOW APPEARS
TO BE MORE IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF AFRICAN LEADERS AND
HE HAS CALLED AFRICA'S ATTENTION TO THE SPEECH HE WILL
DELIVER HERE TOMORROW. IT WILL BE A CURTAIN RAISER FOR
WHAT HE CALLS A NEW AND MORE ACTIVE AMERICAN APPROACH -

TOWARD AFRICA. HE PROMISES DETAILS ON HOW THE QUESTION OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE CAN BE DEALT WITH. AFRICA WILL BE LISTENING TO SEE IF THE U.S. WILL MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO BRING ABOUT ITS STATED COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE. IN A SENSE, HIS SPEECH TOMORROW WILL BE ONE OF THE TESTS DETERMINING WHETHER THE U.S. CAN, IN
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FACT, WIN THE CONFIDENCE OF BLACK AFRICA OR WHETHER BLACK AFRICA WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

8. CBS EVENING NEWS, CRONKITE: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS IN ZAMBIA THIS EVENING, HIS THIRD STOP ON A SEVEN-NATION TOUR OF BLACK AFRICA. (SEVERAL WORDS INDISTINCT) . . . BLACK MAJORITY MOVEMENTS IN RHODESIA. NYERERE SAID THAT THE WAR THERE HAD STARTED AND IF MAJORITY RULE COULD NOT BE ATTAINED PEACEFULLY, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE BY VIOLENT MEANS. MORE ON KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TRIP AND ERIC SEVAREID'S COMMENTARY.

SEVAREID: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS GOING THROUGH HIS AFRICAN BAPTISMAL RITES AT THE MOMENT. THIS MEANS TOTAL IMMERSION IN AFRICAN ORATORY, SUSPICION, HOPE,

TORTURED PRIDE AND TORTURED HISTORY. TANZANIAN FOREIGN

MINISTER INFORMED HIM THAT MOST PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE SUFFERING THE RAVAGES OF EXPLOITATION, OPPRESSION AND COLONIAL DOMINATION LIKE AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONARIES OF

TWO CENTURIES AGO. THERE ARE PARALLELS BUT NOT THAT NEAT.

KISSINGER WILL BE EVERYWHERE TOLD THAT AMERICA DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS, DOES NOT GIVE THEM ENOUGH ATTENTION; THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS MISREPRESENTS THEIR SOCIETIES. SHOULD HE VENTURE TO REPLY THAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND AMERICA'S PROBLEMS, THAT THEIR PRESS WOEFULLY MISREPORTS AMERICAN SOCIETY, HE WOULD RECEIVE UNCOMPREHENDING STATES. AND AS THEY SCOLD HIM FOR AMERICA'S FAULTS AND BLUNDERS, THEY WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY DEMAND AMERICAN AID AS THEIR MORAL RIGHT. ONLY IN DEGREE, THOUGH IN CONSIDERABLE DEGREE, IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM LATIN AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE U.S.

THIS REPORTER IS JUST BACK FROM VENEZUELA. THE TRADITIONAL LATIN WARMTH AND COURTESY TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL VISITOR STILL PREVAILS. LATIN AMERICANS GENERALLY SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF PRIVATE LIVING WITH MORE
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GRACE AND WISDOM THAN WE. THE PROBLEM OF PUBLIC, COLLECTIVE LIVING, THE POLITICAL PROBLEM, IS SOMETHING ELSE. IN ONLY ABOUT A HALF DOZEN LATIN LANDS ARE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE PRESS, MORE FREE THAN UNFREE. BUT IN ALL THOSE SOCIETIES, OPEN OR CLOSED, THE LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. CONTINUES. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR POLITICIANS AND INTELLECTUALS. COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE U.S. ARE RITUALISTIC NECESSITY LIKE OBEISANCE TO THE NAME OF BOLIVAR. IT IS ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S MOST EERIE PSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA THAT SCORES OF NATIONS, HOWEVER RICH AND ANCIENT THEIR OWN CULTURES, CRAVE THE ATTENTION, NOT JUST OUR AID, THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES, EVEN AS THEY SCORN SO MANY THINGS ABOUT NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.

ONLY THE OCCASIONAL PRIVATE FRIEND IN PRIVATE WILL ADMIT THAT THEIR DEEPEST TROUBLES ARE OF THEIR OWN MAKING, THAT WITHOUT THE PRODUCTIVE AND SUPPLY CAPACITIES OF NORTHERN INDUSTRY THEIR SOCIETIES WOULD SCARCELY BEAR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STAMP; THAT, WERE NOT ONE GREAT POWER, THIS ONE, AN OPEN SOCIETY, THE WORLD WOULD BE LOST AND THEY WITH IT.

SINCE LATIN NATIONS AGREE ON LITTLE, SAVE THE CHOICE OF THE U.S. AS WHIPPING BOY, THEIR UNANIMITY IS ABSOLUTE ON THE PANAMA CANAL MATTER -- NO MATTER THAT PANAMA IS DICTATOR-RUN. IF THERE IS NO NEW DEAL OVER THE CANAL ZONE STATUS, WE WILL HAVE TO BRACE OURSELVES FOR THE FIERCEST KIND OF TENSIONS ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA.

CANDIDATE REAGAN HAS NOT YET INSTRUCTED US ON HANDLING THAT.

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